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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to water-soluble taxanes covalently bounded to hyaluronic acid or hyaluronic acid derivatives, and in particular to paclitaxel and docetaxel, useful for the preparation of pharmaceutical compositions to be used in the field of oncology, in the treatment of autoimmune disorders and of restenosis. The invention also relates to the process for preparing taxanes covalently bounded to hyaluronic acid or hyaluronic acid derivatives by direct synthesis between molecules of hyaluronic acid and of taxane or by indirect synthesis by the introduction of a spacer between the hyaluronic acid or hyaluronic acid derivative and the taxane.

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1. Claim : 1 (part) .

Conjugate according to claim 1 in which the bond is formed between OH groups of the taxane and carboxyl groups of the hyaluronic acid by means of a spacer (the group of compounds is not unitary, but could be searched without extra effort).

2. Claim : 1 (part)

Conjugate according to claim 1 in which the bond is formed between OH groups of the taxane and carboxyl groups of the hyaluronic acid without spacer.

3. Claim : 1 (part)

Conjugate according to claim 1 in which the bond is formed between OH groups of the taxane and OH groups of the hyaluronic acid.

4. Claim : 1 (part)

Conjugate according to claim 1 in which the bond is formed between OH groups of the taxane and amino groups of deacetylated hyaluronic acid.

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